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FROM: Hank Schwedes, Board Secretary *WHS*
Police and Firemen's Retirement System

TO: Retired Members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System

SUBJECT: PFRS NOTICE OF ELECTION

This is the notice for the 2016 Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) election of a Retired Trustee Representative.

The Retired representative will be elected for a four-year term beginning on January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020. Candidates for this position must qualify by nomination.

The attached information will explain the nomination procedures for those who wish to be placed in nomination, and for those who will cast a nominating vote for the candidate of their choice.

Any questions or letters of interest should be directed to the following email address: NJBOT.ELECT@treas.nj.gov

Thank you.

Attachment: Election Notice

NOTICE OF RETIRED PFRS ELECTION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM
(PFRS)

Nominations are being accepted to fill the position of one elected retired police officer or firefighting representative to the PFRS Board. The current term will expire on December 31, 2016. If you wish to declare your interest in running for the position of "retired PFRS representative," please send a written request to the PFRS Board Secretary at NJBOT.ELECT@treas.nj.gov, or PO Box 295, Trenton, N.J., 08625-0295.

The Board of Trustees has the general responsibility for the operation of the PFRS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 43:16A-13. The Board meets monthly at the Division of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton. A member who wishes to be a candidate for the position must be a retired police or firefighting member of the PFRS, and must be nominated by at least 100 retired PFRS members. **Only retired PFRS members may nominate a candidate for the retired PFRS position.**

On August 8, 2016, after candidates have declared their interest, nominations in support of your choice can be made electronically through a secure Web site or paper nominating ballot. The online nominations are preferred because they are more secure; paper petitions must contain the voting member's Social Security number or Retirement Account number, which is less secure.

To vote online, log on to <https://vote.election-america.com/PFRS> and follow the simple directions. The only information you will need to provide is the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, the first 4 letters of your last name, and your year of birth. The list of those declaring their interest in being a candidate will then be available for your selection.

By paper, you may nominate a candidate using your Social Security number or Retirement Number as identification. You must sign the petition for your vote to count.

Please be sure to allow sufficient time after this notification for interested persons to request candidacy and for the vendor to enter the retiree's name to the online system. Afterwards, the process is very easy and it only takes a few minutes to support the candidate of your choice.

Nominations must be registered online on or before 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2016. If an election is needed, the ballots will be mailed to the PFRS retirees on or about October 10, 2016; all qualified candidates will be invited to attend the drawing by lot for position on the ballot on September 22, 2016.

We appreciate your efforts in using the online nominating process. By doing so you help to decrease administrative costs.

PRESENT MEMBERS - TERM

Firefighters: Timothy Colacci (Chair) - 6/30/20; Brady Middlesworth – 6/30/18; **Police Officers:** Keith Bennet (Vice Chair) – 6/30/18; Michael Kaniuk – 8/31/19; **Retired Member:** *Marty Barrett - 12/31/16; **Gubernatorial Appointments:** Laurel Brennan; Frank Leake; Richard Loccke; **State Treasurer Representative:** Susanne Culliton, Ex-Officio Member.

PFRS BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Render determinations regarding disability retirement cases.
- Review appeals pertaining to the disallowance of pension benefits.
- Adopt rules and regulations to provide for the payment of benefits and collection of monies as required by the statute.
- Establish rules and regulations within the limitations of statutes and opinions of the Courts and the Attorney General, designed to prevent injustices and inequities that may arise in the operation of the Retirement System.
- Resolve individual questions on the merits of each case in terms of statutes, opinions of the Attorney General, advice of the Actuary, and cases cited by counsel as deliberated by the Courts.
- View monthly and annual reports setting forth data such as assets and liabilities, income and disbursements, and statistical summarization of membership as documented by the Actuary.